

REMARKS

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite or failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 15 has been amended.

The following rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 will be dealt with collectively:

Claims 7, 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by England (6,720,290).

Claims 4, 7, 8, 11-14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qu (2002/0023752).

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qu (2002/0023752) or England (6,720,290).

Both England (US 6,720,290) and Qu (US Publ. 2002/0023752) deal with well formation fracturing fluids and methods. The fracturing operations of England and Qu are performed when the well is not producing. Therefore, neither England or Qu make any suggestion to introduce the aqueous mixture during gas production.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to claim a method of treating a gas well comprising “introducing into said well an aqueous mixture during gas production from the well to reduce the effects of liquid loading, the aqueous mixture comprising an amphoteric surfactant . . .” Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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